

Northshore/Parkview Island News

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City of Miami Beach

Neighborhood Services Department

Miami Beach Police Department Introduces NRO Program

The Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) Program was instituted in March 2001. The program divides the City into three districts, south, middle and north, and provides one officer as a NRO to each district. The primary responsibility of the NRO is to address the special problems and needs within their district. In order to fulfill that responsibility and build a bridge of trust with the residents, the NRO attends neighborhood meetings, civic meetings and youth-oriented activities, and interacts with residents on a daily basis. For more information about the Neighborhood Resource Officer Program, please contact Officer David de la Espriella at 305-993-2060.

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305-604-2498 (fax)

Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Approximately 35 residents attended the Parkview Neighborhood meeting on November 19, 2001. Those in attendance identified a number of concerns affecting the community's quality of life. This newsletter highlights those areas and provides important information regarding the City's programs and the community's responsibilities. The following seven items were identified as neighborhood priorities:

1. Work with the Police Department's HOT

(Homeless Outreach Team) and the City's new Homeless Coordinator to identify areas of concentration and individuals in need of homeless outreach through the Homeless Trust's "Continuum of Care" model.

2. Use of Code Compliance to monitor illegal signage and educate businesses and merchants in regard to signage and related ordinances.

3. Provide the community with plan of the proposed North Shore Park renovation.

4. Provide the community with a telephone list for the City's 24-hour services.

5. Work with community to educate on parking ordinances.

6. Provide better education on sanitation pick-up schedules, proper placement of waste and city codes regulating the disposal of waste. Increase number of trash receptacles the commercial district and residential neighborhoods.

Parking Enforcement Heightened

The Parking Department has increased enforcement of commercial vehicles parked in residential areas to include boats, vehicles displaying "for-sale" signs, abandoned vehicles and vehicles parked hazardously in the right-of-way or blocking a driver's line of sight. Additionally, violations may be issued for prohibited parking: blocking fire hydrants, crosswalks, sidewalks, and obstructing traffic. The Parking Enforcement Unit will continue to issue citations and monitor the area to ensure compliance with parking regulations. To report violations, contact the Parking Department at 305-673-7505 or the Neighborhood Services Community Resource & Outreach Division at 305-673-7580.

Code Compliance Increased

In response to recent requests for additional code enforcement, the Code Compliance Division of the City of Miami Beach has recently increased its presence of officers in the North Beach District (63rd to 87th streets), from four to six. This increase translates into a greater presence in the North Shore and Parkview Island areas of the North Beach District.

In addition an officer has been assigned exclusively to address the issues of the business district, with a special focus on educating vendors and business owners in this area about signage ordinances and illegal signage. Since October 1, this officer has issued over 70 violations.

Public Works & Operations

305-673-7625

The City provides emergency repair and maintenance services 24 hours a day for City streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streetlights, water, sewer & stormwater systems.

However, there are certain areas of the City that are maintained by Miami-Dade County, 305-592-3580, or the State of Florida, 305-650-0051.

Important Phone Numbers

CiviCall
(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Neighborhood Services
305-673-7077

Community Resource & Outreach
305-673-7580

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

Water & Sewer Streets Sidewalks Streetlights Stormwater
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

FPL
(power outages & street lights on wooden poles)
305-442-8770

City Institutes a Program to Assist Homeless

The City of Miami Beach has assigned a high priority to identifying and ending the cycle of homelessness. As part of the City's ongoing efforts, the Neighborhood Services Department recently hired Olga Vasquez as the City's Homeless Coordinator. The City works through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust outreach team to utilize their Continuum of Care system.

The Continuum of Care system is a model based on the understanding that homelessness is not caused merely by a lack of shelter, but involves a variety of underlying, unmet needs – physical, economic and social. The system is a three-phase comprehensive strategy for the delivery and coordination of homeless housing and services. These phases are as follows:

Temporary Care (*emergency housing*) for seven to up to 60 days. There are two Homeless Assistance Centers with a total of 650 beds available throughout Miami-Dade County. These "centers" provide:

- On-site daycare facilities, full-service health clinics, and vocational classrooms staffed by the public school system;

- On-site services of representatives from the Social Security Administration, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Legal Services, the welfare-to-work program, employment placement programs and the Veteran's Administration.

Primary Care (*transitional housing*) with intensive case management services for six to nine months.

Advanced Care (*permanent housing*)

- Utilizing low-income affordable housing for homeless persons as the third and final stage of the continuum.
- A plan for achieving a goal of 2,500 new permanent housing in the form of project-based, scattered site, market rate, and/or voucher-funded units.
- Housing that re-integrate homeless persons into the community and projects that provide long-term, follow-along services, such as relapse prevention, continuing education, and family support.

For more information about the Continuum of Care program, contact Olga Vasquez, Homeless Coordinator, at 305-673-7000, ext. 3404.

North Shore Open Space Park Renovation

North Shore Open Space is located east of Collins Avenue between 79th and 87th streets. It is considered a regional park and as such, is used by Miami Beach residents as well as tourists. Community workshops were conducted and a program to renovate and transform this park into an attractive, activity oriented, user friendly "indigenous plant only park" was recently developed. The renovation process is made up of three phases.

Phase 1: Clearing, Landscaping and Irrigation

This phase includes the clearing of exotic plants, site cleaning, substantial landscaping including the planting of palms and shade trees, shrubs and ground covers, seeding of the sod areas and a new irrigation system.

The existing exotic plants and trees will be removed and replaced with native South Florida plant materials that will attract more native wild life. The objective is to grow a native mixture of plant species that will ultimately be used in educational programs.

This phase is currently under construction and is estimated to be substantially completed by December 2001.

Phase 2: North Beach Recreational Corridor

This phase will include new walkways, site furnishing, signage, planting and irrigation. The design of this was completed and is currently being reviewed for a construction permit approval. Construction is estimated to start by March 2002 and substantial completion is scheduled in Fall 2002.

Phase 3: Restrooms and pavilions renovation, new playground

This final phase will include the development of concessions and equipment and the restoration of three restrooms, three pavilions and a new tot-lot.

This phase is currently in the design phase. Construction is estimated to start in Spring 2002 and is scheduled to be substantially complete by Winter 2002.

Sanitation -- Waste Services Let's Talk Trash!

City Introduces More Trash Receptacles

The City of Miami Beach Sanitation Division will start installing 80 new trash receptacles in the Northshore/Parkview Neighborhood by the first quarter of 2002. Some of the new cans will replace the smaller "smart cans," and others will be distributed in the commercial districts and as needed in some residential areas that are in close proximity to the commercial districts.



Recycling Questions? Recycling pick-up for residents receiving city sanitation service is on Wednesdays. Residents who have private garbage pick-up service should call their hauler directly for their recycling schedule: BFI 305-638-3800, Waste Management 305-471-4444, Davis Sanitation 305-653-2684, and Imperial Sanitation 305-888-3551.